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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND THE DOMINICAN
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. AT THE REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER GOMEZ BERGES, SECRETARY
INGERSOLL MET WITH HIM PRIOR TO THE NOV 10 MORNING SESSION
OF THE MFM.

2. GOMEZ BERGES SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS
WITH SOME OF THIS COLLEAGUES A NEW, FLEXIBLE, AND LESS
BINDING FORMULA WAS BEING WORKED ON. IT WAS HIS UNDER-
STANDING THAT CHILE, URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY WOULD VOT
AGAINST AND THAT BRAZIL AND NICARAGUA WOULD ABSTAIN. HE
THEREFORE EXPECTED 15 OR 16 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, INCLUDING
THOSE OF GUATEMAL, BOLIVIA, HAITI AND HONDURAS. HE
SAID THAT THE U.S. POSTURE AT THE MEETING HAD BEEN VERY
INTELLIGENT. HOWEVER, IF BY ANY CHANCE THIS NEW FORMULA
MIGHT RUN INTO TROUBLE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE
FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION TO PLACE A FEW DISCREET HINTS
OR SUGGESTIONS, PERHAPS THROUGH A THIRD PARTY, IN
ORDER THAT A FAVORABLE OUTOMCE MIGHT RESULT. HIS MAIN
INTEREST WAS IN SAFEGUARDING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM,
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THE ONLY DEFENSE THAT HIS COUNTRY FELT IT HAD AGAINST

CASTRO. HIS DELEGATION'S POSITION HAD THE APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER AS LONG AS THE DOMINICAN DELEGATION WAS NOT IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP. HE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD THE INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA. SECRETARY INGERSOLL REITERATED THE HOPE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE MEETING.

3. GOMEZ BERGES SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS FACIO AND RABASA HAD PROPOSED HIS CANDIDACY AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS. HE FELT THAT SOME TIME SHORTLY AFTER THE 15TH MFM HE WOULD HAVE 11 VOTES. SO FAR, THREE COUNTRIES HAD NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES, ECUADOR, THE U.S. AND PERU. THE LATTER COUNTRY APPARENTLY HAD ITS OWN CANDIDATE IN THE EVENT THAT THERE WAS A DEADLOCK ON THE FIRST BALLOT. HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE SITUATION JELL BY JANUARY, AND HOPED THAT BY THEN HE WOULD HAVE, IF NOT A CONSENSUS, A MAJORITY.

4. GOMEZ BERGES REQUESTED A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SECRETARY INGERSOLL IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM HIS IDEAS ON THE ROLE OF THE OAS. SECRETARY INGERSOLL SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT TIME COULD BE SET ASIDE FOR THIS PURPOSE. INGERSOLL

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